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The emergence of the New York based organization, "Wolna Polska" (Free Poland), has been the subject of continued inquiries on the part of officials at the Polish Consulate in Chicago who are known to be connected with the Polish Intelligence Services.

The existence of this organization first came to light in Chicago in October, 1975, when Polish language translations of two speeches by the Soviet dissident exile, Aleksandr Solzhenitzyn, appeared within the Polonia.

CG T-1 has reported that in late October and early November, 1975, Consul Wieslaw Mickiewicz of the Polish Consulate - Chicago, began to make inquiries concerning "Wolna Polska", desiring information on the structure of that organization. At that time, Mickiewicz's interest had reportedly been stirred by the fact that "Wolna Polska" had reportedly sent private letters to Polish officials in Chicago, New York and Washington.

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The text of those letters indicated that they originated with "Wolna Polska" and were being sent to the recipients because it was known that they were not true Communists and might be in danger of losing their jobs with the Polish government.

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According to CG T-1, Mickiewicz was aware that the principal organizer of "Wolna Polska" was a New York resident, Konstanty Hanff. Mickiewicz then felt that there was a possibility that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was behind the "Wolna Polska" organization, but there was also a good possibility that it could be financed by the West Germans, and particularly by Franz-Josef Strauss, Chairman of the Christian Social Union.

Based on available information and/or investigation, Mickiewicz is known to be connected with the Polish Intelligence Services.

CG T-2 has reported that in October, 1975, Counselor-Consul General Jozef Anczura from the Polish Embassy in Washington, had been in Chicago and had made inquiries concerning "Wolna Polska". At that time, Anczura had learned that "Wolna Polska" was the brainchild of an individual at New York named Hanff, who reportedly possesses a Ph.D. degree which he claimed to have received from the University of Krakow. Some people within the Polish Community have felt that Hanff may be a West German Agent and may be receiving financial aid from West Germany.

Based on available information and/or investigation, Anczura is known to be connected with the Polish Intelligence Services.

In October, 1975, a representative of the Polish Embassy, Washington, D.C., furnished the United States Department of State with copies of letters which the Embassy had received from "Wolna Polska". A translation of one of those letters is as follows:

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Free Poland
Box 768
Madison Square Station P.O.
New York, New York 10010

Dear Sir!

October 2, 1975

We absolutely do not believe in your complete devotion to the Soviet Regime. On the contrary: we believe that you are ready to serve in the matter of freeing Poland from the yoke of occupation.

We are so organized, that you are in no danger of a complete compromise before the SB, even if you were prompted to give us help, thereby assuring yourself an honest future.

You can boldly send to our address any amount, giving only the password W1201, which will establish your file number.

It would be worthwhile to be quick with your decision, because you merit consideration for recall from your present position.

Free Poland
Chief of Department
for National Affairs
Anatol Karewicz

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A representative of the FBI's Washington Field Office discussed the contents of the "Wolna Polska" letters with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) David R. Addis, Washington, D.C., on November 11, 1975. At that time, the AUSA stated that this matter did not appear to be a violation of the statutes pertaining to the protection of foreign officials.

CG T-1 has also reported that in early January, 1976, Mickiewicz was still making inquiries concerning "Wolna Polska". At that time, Mickiewicz had learned that Konstanty Hanff had been in Chicago during late December, 1975, or early January, 1976, and had conferred with Polonia personalities concerning his "Wolna Polska" organization. Mickiewicz ascertained that during these meetings in Chicago, Hanff had alluded to the fact that "Wolna Polska" had an organization in Poland which was reported to be preparing some kind of action aimed at the overthrow of the regime. In one of his talks, Hanff claimed to be in contact with a well-organized and militant underground in Poland. According to CG T-1, Mickiewicz ascertained that one of the leaders of the Polonia was very much against such talk because to preach revolution, in Poland, would be to send individuals there against Polish army tanks with knives, which would be ridiculous and foolhearted.

CG T-3 has verified that Hanff was indeed in Chicago at that time and met collectively and separately with various Polonia leaders, including:

✓ NO ✓
Doctor Juliusz Szygowski, Minister, Pleni-Potentiary of the Polish Government -in - exile of London, England;

✓
Al Mazewski, President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) and the Polish American Congress (PAC);

✓
Kazimierz Lukomski, National Vice-President of the PAC;

✓ NO ✓
Andrzej Jezioranski, brother of Jan Nowak who recently retired as head of the Polish desk at Radio Free Europe (RFE);

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✓
Wladyslaw Stepien, Head of the Organization of
Veterans of General Anders Army; and,

✓
Jerzy Mroczkowski, Editor of "Po Prostu".

During his contacts in Chicago, Hanff solicited the Polonia leaders for aid to the "Wolna Polska" organization, indicating he was in contact with a well-organized and secret underground in Poland which was preparing for a armed uprising there. The responsible Polonia leaders completely refused Hanff's overture because it would mean that a few unarmed and ill advised individuals in Poland would be thrown against the Polish army, which would be suicidal and no real aid to the cause of Polish freedom.

CG T-4 has learned that in mid January, 1976, an individual had advised the Polish Consulate, Chicago, that "idiots" from "Wolna Polska" might be planning to kidnap a Polish official to exchange for someone who was in jail in Poland.

January, 1976, marked the appearance of what is known as the "Avenger Letter" which subsequently received a wide distribution within the Polonia. This letter is as follows:

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of KGB and MSW agents employed by Polish Consulate General
(1530 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60610, phone 337-8166),
and other business firm.

Name	Address	Telephone number	Employed by	Remark
1. Krol Zenon	1415 N Dearborn Chicago, Ill. 60610	944-2194	Polish Consulate General	
2. Kropiniwicz Tadeusz	1221 N Dearborn Chicago, Ill. 60610	266-1095	Pekao Trading Corporation	
3. Mickiewicz Wieslaw	5415 N Sheridan Chicago, Ill. 60640	334-2052	Polish Consulate General	
4. Rex Pawelek Michal	5730 W Fullerton Chicago, Ill. 60639	BE7-1474	<i>Employed by</i> Polonia Travel Agency	
5. Szymanski Stanislaw	1560 N Sandburg Terr Chicago, Ill. 60610	337-0109	<i>Employed by</i> Polish Consulate General	
6. Wegiarczyn Stanislaw	1445 N State Pkwy Chicago, Ill. 60610	787-9586	Polish Consulate General	

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Of those Polish officials mentioned in the "Avenger Letter", based on available information and/or investigation, Mickiewicz, Kropiniewicz, and Szymanski are known to be, and Krol is suspected of being connected with the Polish Intelligence Services.

CG T-1 has learned that by the latter part of January, 1976, Mickiewicz tended to feel that the "Avenger Letter" was the work of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

In regard to this, CG T-5 has reported that the JDL has no knowledge of the "Avenger Letter", and to this source's knowledge there is currently no one active in the JDL in Chicago who speaks Polish.

The March, 1976, issue of "Wolna Polska" contained a reproduction of the "Avenger Letter".

In ~~early~~ February, 1976, CG T-6 reported that Attache Bogumil Szymborski of the Polish Consulate, Chicago was also making inquiries concerning "Wolna Polska". Szymborski described "Wolna Polska" as being an organization in New York and New Jersey that is financed by Jewish elements and advocates in armed uprising in Poland to overthrow the current Government. In order to obtain personnel for this armed uprising, "Wolna Polska", it is recruiting visitors from Poland in the United States, and is sending them to a special school for espionage and sabotage, that is being run somewhere in the State of Iowa. Szymborski said that the leader of "Wolna Polska" is Konstanty Hanff from New York who had been recently visiting to Chicago where he met with individuals to help foment plans for the armed uprising in Poland.

Based on available information and/or investigation, Szymborski is known to be connected with the Polish Intelligence Services.

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In early February, 1976, CG T-1 reported that Hanff indicated that "Wolna Polska" was expanding to include languages other than Polish and would have issues printed in the Russian, Slovak, and Croatian languages. Hanff did indicate that he would remain as the chief executive of the expanded "Wolna Polska" which eventually would include quite a few East European nationalities.

The February, 1975, issue of "Wolna Polska" appeared accompanied by publications in other languages. "Wolna Polska" lists its return address as P.O. Box 768, Madison Square Station, New York, New York. It lists its Editor and Chief as Wiktor Rojek. It also lists a staff as follows:

Chief of Domestic Affairs	temp. vacant
Chief of Combat Actions	Col. Jan Walczak
Chief of International Cooperation	Jon P. Speller
Chief of Political Coordination	Konstanty Z. Hanff
Chief of Propaganda Affairs	Wiktor Rojek
Chief of European Region	Anatol Karewicz
Diplomatic Representative of the Government of the Republic of Poland (temporarily in London)	Dr. Juliusz Szygowski
Observer to the United Nations Organization, of Polish Government (in exile)	Witold R. Korsak
Adviser on Military Affairs	N.I. Klonis

Also appearing was the publication "Free Cossackia" with the return address P.O. Box 1095, Grand Central Station, New York. Its Editor and Chief was listed as Victor Donskov. It listed a staff as follows:

Chief of Internal Affairs	Climent I. Ostapov
Chief of Combat Actions	Lt. Col. Stepen Avilov
Chief of International Cooperation	Jon P. Speller
Chief of Political Coordination	Gen. Vasily G. Glazkov
Chief of Research and Asylum Affairs	Andrei Shtcherbina
Chief of Propaganda Affairs	Victor Donskov
Chief of European Region	Mihail Drany

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Diplomatic Representative of the
Supreme Cossack Representation

Ivan Bezugloff

Adviser on Military Affairs

N.I. Klonis

There also appeared the publication "Free Slovakia" with the return address P.O. Box 1095, Grand Central Station, New York. Its Editor and Chief was listed as Zlata Krasna. It listed a staff as follows:

Chief of Domestic Affairs	Jakub Kardos
Chief of Combat Actions	Maj. P. Krc
Chief of International Cooperation	Jon P. Speller
Chief of Political Coordination	Jan Bukovec
Chief of Research and Asylum Affairs	S. Rimava
Chief of Propaganda Affairs	Raduz Sekac
Adviser on Military Affairs	N.I. Klonis

There also appeared "Free Croatia" listing a return address of P.O. Box 807, Madison Square Station, New York. The Editor and Chief of "Free Croatia" was listed as Gelena Devcic. The staff of "Free Croatia" was listed as follows:

Chief of Domestic Affairs	Kresimir Begovic
Chief of International Cooperation	Jon P. Speller
Chief of Political Coordination	Stjepan Bunjevac
Chief of Propaganda Affairs	Jelena Devcic
Adviser on Military Affairs	N.I. Klonis
Adviser on Political Affairs	Suljo Kapetanovic

It is noted that the staffs of all four organizations contain two names in common; namely, Jon P. Speller, and N.I. Klonis.

Jon P. Speller is associated with the publishing firm of Robert Speller and Sons Publishers, Incorporated, 10 East 23rd Street, New York. The Speller Publishing Firm, among other issues, publishes the magazine "East Europe" of which Jon P. Speller is listed as publisher.

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In regard to N.I. Klonis, the August-September, 1975, issue of "East Europe" contains an article attributed to Klonis. A brief biography of the author was set forth.

"N.I. Klonis, a pseudonym, is the author of the textbook, Guerilla Warfare: Analysis and Projections, published by Robert Speller & Sons, Publishers, Inc. The Library Journal's review of Klonis' book said that it 'reveals much about military thinking,' a valid observation as the writer has had in-the-field experience in the subject."

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